

March 31, 1996

Dear Ben & Fern:

Do hope all is well with you. Received a letter from Katie yesterday and she said you have heart problems but not a heart attack. She also said you are on some medication for a problem, Fern. Surely there must be better days ahead for you. There has to be. She says you are going to Scotland in June. That is a wonderful place to visit. I wish every one could see Scotland. One of my daughter-in-law & 3 of her girl friends are going there in May. They will fly into Edinburgh, rent a car & look around some then fly into London for a few days. Bill, Jeanie and I spent nearly 3 weeks in England & Scotland in 1985. I think I would like to go back. I especially enjoyed the two big Castles in Edinburgh. If you are there, on that same street which is "High

Street, (I think) go to St. Giles Cathedral.
 you will see there: Jacob's Graham
 Machine - Dr. Monro. I don't know
 how to describe him - looks like a corpse
 lying on a Coffin or something. This is
 written near:

I scatter my ashes, strew them in the
 Air

Lord, since thou knowest where
 all these atoms are,

I'm hopeful Thou'lt recover once
 my dust, And confident Thou'lt
 raise me with the just.

I forget the details, but he was
 killed and the man (rebel) that had
 him killed is buried there near this
 Graham. (I forgot his name.) We heard a
 guide taking a few on tour there there
 tell them that we wonder if their
 spirits come out at night & fight.

First thing you see when you
 enter the Museum at Edinburgh Castle
 is the uniform worn by General Thomas
 Graham of Balgowan, Lord Lynedoch

Creator of the 90th Perthshire Light
 Infantry and Col. of the Royal Scots.
 Victor at Bassano and one of Wellington's
 most successful generals. 5 highest medals.

Edinburgh Castle is at one end of the
 Royal mile (High Street) ~~Can~~ Canongate is last
 stretch of the Royal mile to Holyrood Castle.
Moray House on the left, was built in 1628
 & one of the City's most famous buildings.
 From its balcony in 1846 the Duke & Duchess
 of Argyll and their wedding guests watched
 as their defeated enemy, The Royalist
 Marquis of Montrose (John Graham) was
 dragged past on a cart to be hanged at
 Mercat Cross.

This is the ~~two~~ buried in St. Giles
 (I think)

I Copied this from Bill's book.

Montrose has remained relatively untouched
 through Scotland's violent history, yet it
 produced ^{one} of the Country's most famous
 soldiers, John Graham, Marquis of Montrose,
 who played a major role on the Royalist
 side in the Civil War, but was later

captured and hanged in Edinburgh.

We went to Drymen in the area where Graham of Menteith originally lived. After asking around, finally found the old Buchanan Castle. Bill says it belongs to the Duke of Montrose (Graham).

It doesn't have a roof. The story goes that the owner had the top removed after the war so he wouldn't have to pay taxes to England. The German ^{Here} is said to have been captured and held a ~~prisoner~~ ^{prisoner} in the Castle during the war.

We drove to Falkirk and found the monument for the battle of Falkirk on a hill. In town of Falkirk in a church yard we found where (I think) it was a Sir William Graham was buried in a beautiful wrought iron enclosure.

These are a few things that we saw.

Bill had studied & knew a few places to go where Graham might have been involved. We were there to trace Graham Roots.

I knew very little about the country.

We hope you don't get too worn out

and will come to our Reunion June 29 & 30.
and tell us about your trip. We are busy
with Reunion plans. The Graham play
"Wagon Train" will be played again this year.
I think a better play. Tony has rewritten some
of it & it is easier to understand. A Cast of 36
plus our Indians.

Take care and have a wonderful
trip. Our Cousin, Delores Cornouth, M.P.
called me this afternoon. She is a lovely
lady. She is working on getting more of
her family (uncle Frank Graham) to come
this year.

My love,
Hazel